1	2	3	4	5	6
12	-Do-	Ginger	Mizoram	(-)60.00	**
13	-Do-	Chillies	Andhra Pradesh	(-)950.00	**
			TOTAL	(-)2583.98	125.43

* Accounts yet to settled.
** Accounts yet to be received from State Governments.

Declining livestock

†1268. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total livestock available in the country at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of livestock has been declining for the last five years in the country;

(c) whether Government are aware of the involvement of slaughter houses in slaughtering of bovine, slaughtering of more than authorised number of animals as also the slaughtering of stolen animals; and

(d) the action being taken by Government with regard to aforementioned slaughter houses and particularly against those situated in District Aligarh of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The total livestock available in the country as per last Livestock Census conducted in 2003 is about 485.002 million.

(b) The number of livestock has declined, showing a slight decrease of about 0.08% for the last five years from 485.385 million in 1997 Census to 485.002 million in 2003 Census.

(c) Slaughtering of buffaloes is being done. However, the Government has not received any report for slaughtering of more than authorized number of animals and slaughtering of stolen animals.

(d) Question does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.